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But if the finances of your cricket club, or your nursing home, or your pripples' anstitute are not what they might be; or if your hospital wants a new wing, or your fire brigade a new engine-whatever the need may be which suggests a dramatic entertainment, do not esk Mr. James Turraway to organize it. He would certainly refuse, and he might possibly say some disagreeable and sarcastic things on the subject of amateur theatricals.

But at his first cessay, flushed with enthusiasm and fired with hope, he went at once to invoke the aid of the Parkinsons. In all local matters the Parkinsons were to the fore. They were a numerous family, and possessed them that he had rejuctantly consented agament, though for the life of them of numerous activities. When he told they exclaimed with one heart and voice as good. The fact was that his clear that he was just the man for it. Would enunciation and his splendid judgment they help? Of course they would marked aim out as the ideal prompter. Smiths to help, too, and the Maxwell found that Mrs. Wisslow, who had tak-Smiths were splendid, sepecially George. en five pounds' worth of tickets, wanted Between the Parkinsons and the equality it for her son. As George said, with fine numerous Maxwell Smiths there was an public spirits "It is not as if we were alliance and friendship of long standing, doing this to amuse ourselves. We and it was possible that one or two of must think of the Choir Fund. Besides, the younger members, especially George. Mr. Tarraway has all the organizing to bonds of matrimony. In the meantime, at all public meetings Papa preposed the right person to take the money at votes of thanks to the head of the Maxwell Smiths, and Mr. Marwell smith asked oratorically where they would pensation of missing the entertainment. have been without Mr. Parkinson. Se here Mr. Tarraway had his company 7d. And the vicar thinks that Mr. Tarmade to his hand. So he went home raway might have put a little more happy and dreamed of a play-bill whose. energy into it. The families agree with Romeo (son to Montague)

Mr. J. Ashton Parraway." And a little further downs

Juliet (daughter of Capulet) Miss Agnes Parkinson Agnes was certainly the prestices of among the critica

the Parkinson girls. The Maxwell

But at the very first meeting of the alliance and Mr. Tarraway be saw his hopes dashed. They listened with respect to his statement that he was disposed to fly somewhat high. But they were opposed to Shakespeare. George thought the fairest thing would be to put it to a vote, For Shakespeare voted friends and go back to ascertain the Mr. Tarraway from conviction, and Miss Parkinson from tact. In favor of a good old farce, and something sentimental to follow, voted everybody else.

And that was the beginning of the end. Against the family alliance Mr Taraway was powerless. They flattered him hugely, and the more they flattered ron's quick rejoinder.—The New York him the less did they do of the things Clipper. that he wanted. When it came to the selection of a piece, it turned out that George had already looked up two things that he thought would do, though he wished it clearly to be understood that he did not want to force them on anybody. The first was that old-fashioned. rollicking plece, "Wooden Heads," fu'l of fun and always a success. The second was that sweetly, pretty littlething in one act, entitled, "An April

Love Story." "Now," said George, "on one thing I insist. Mr. Tarraway is organizing this entertainment, and Mr. Tarraway must have the right to vote. We all value his judgment, and it must overrule any

opinion which we may form ourselves." This was agreed upon at once, without a single dissentient vote, and Mr. Tarraway was pleased. Then the two plays were read.

them. They were not his idea of the union leader during the civil war.

legitimate drama. Neither did they contain a good Tarraway part, as he had denstand that if he did upset everybody by going against the majority and systems these places he would be a notvetoing these pieces he would be a polwas asked by the vicar to organize a troop, an ignoramus, and a heartless

"Of course, said George, "I don't dream of asking Mr. Tarraway to take any part in the farce. That is quite bemeath his attention. It is all very well for us beginners, but I shouldn't like to

"I don't mind a little harmless fun, said Tarraway, feebly.

"No," said Miss Agues Parkinson There must be a limit to your kind-

As to the sentimental piece, there was unanimous cry that George must play ne nero. Ten and nandsome, he would look the part to perfection. Mies Agnes Perkinson said:

"Unless Mr. Tarraway wishes to play himself. We cause not forget that he is organizing this entertainment."

Mr. Tarraway disclaimed any desire to play the part, wherein he iled. George accepted it on condition that Mr. Tarraway played the man-servant, which an George's opinion was a much more in:portant part than you would think from hearing the piece read. He had seen a great success made with it.

After the second reheareal they allespecially George said that though Mr. Tarraway did the part to perfection, it interfered with his duties as stage manager. They could not arrord to lose him as stage manager. At the next rehearsal he was asked to give up the stage manto organize a dramatic entertainment, they did not know where to find another Further, they would get the Maxwell He resigned that post later, when it was wed do, and he will be wanted in front."

was selected as the doors. In this capacity he did not take much money, but he had the com-

The net route was a debt of £6 2s. him-especially George.

Theatrical Surgerp.

One aight when one of Byron's big melodramas was being produced for the first time the playwright sat out in front

The first and second acts had been Smiths were all good looking, sepscially given, receiving such applause from the audience that the word "success" was stamped on the play from the start.

The orchestra had finished the entr'act number, and two other selections besides, still the signal for the rise of the curtain on act 3 had not been given. People began to wonder at the long walt, and Byron was about to leave his cause when the buzzing sound of a saw was heard from the other side of the footlights.

"What's that?" asked one of the party, addressing the anxious author. "I'm sure I don't know -unless they are cutting out the third act," was By-

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moved to! Policeman-No. What do you want to know for? Milkman-Because they have gone

away without paying me \$11 that they owed for milk. Policeman-Well, I suppose there was

about \$6 worth of water in that bill,

anyway. Mikman-No, there wasn't; that's what makes me so blamed mad. They were new customers, and I hadn't besun to water the milk .- Boston Herald.

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